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1. WITH RESPECT TO JAPANESE PARTICIPATION PROPOSED
NOVEMBER MEETING, EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM HIDAKA THAT US
RECEIVED INVITATION TO ATTEND A MEETING IN LONDON NOVEMBER
29 AND 30 TO DISCUSS MEASURES WHICH MIGHT BE UNDERTAKEN TO
EXPEDITE JANUARY 10-14, 1977 MEETING OF INMARSAT PREPARA-
TORY COMMITTEE. INVITATION CAME FROM TWO SOURCES:

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MR. O. HAGA, HEAD OF NORWEGIAN DESIGNATED ENTITY, AND

MR. P. REEVEY, UK POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN RESPONSIBLE FOR INMARSAT MATTERS. NEITHER HAGA NOR REEVEY WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY OTHER PARTIES THAT WOULD ATTEND, OTHER THAN TO INDICATE ANTICIPATED USSR INTEREST. WE INFORMED BOTH HAGA AND REEVEY THAT STATE OF US DOMESTIC PREPARATIONS FOR JANUARY WAS SUCH AS TO PRECLUDE SUBSTANTIVE PARTICIPATION AT PROPOSED NOVEMBER MEETING.

2. AT CLOSE OF THIRD SESSION OF INMARSAT CONFERENCE (SEPTEMBER 1976) ALTERNATE US REPRESENTATIVE MET, AT REQUEST OF UK, WITH UK, USSR, NORWEGIAN AND AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES TO CONSIDER MEASURES WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN TO EXPEDITE JANUARY MEETING. US AGREED TO PREPARE DRAFT

AGENDA, AND RECENTLY SENT TO UK, USSR, NORWAY AND AUSTRALIA THE PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN PARA 3 HEREOF, WHICH SHOULD BE GIVEN TO HIDAKA. AUSTRALIA AGREED TO TAKE LEAD ON DEVELOPING WORK PROGRAM FOR PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AFTER RECEIVING VIEWS OF OTHERS. US EXPECTS TO SEND ITS VIEWS ON WORK PROGRAM WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS, AND WILL INCLUDE HIDAKA AMONG DISTRIBUTEES. NORWAY AGREED TO DRAFT PROPOSED RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR PREPARATORY COMMITTEE; UK AND USSR, TO DRAFT PROPOSED PROCEDURES RELATING TO COMMITTEE'S SECRETARIAT; AND UK, TO DRAFT PROPOSED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS FOR COMMITTEE. US HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY PROPOSALS FROM THESE COUNTRIES YET.

3. US PROPOSAL FOR AGENDA:

1. ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3. ADOPTION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

5. CONSIDERATION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAM AS LAID OUT IN RESOLUTION 2 OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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6. ESTABLISHMENT OF A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE TO ACCOMPLISH THE WORK PROGRAM:

A. STAFFING AND SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

B. WORKING PROCEDURES INCLUDING NEED FOR PANELS OR

WORKING GROUPS

C. FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

D. ANNUAL BUDGET

7. DEVELOPMENT OF AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

8. ESTABLISHMENT OF DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10. REPORT OF COSTS OF MEETING FROM IMCO SECRETARIAT

11. ADOPTION OF REPORT OF 1ST SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

4. US INDICATED TO BOTH HAGA AND REEVEY THAT IT WOULD CONSIDER MEETING ON JANUARY 9 WITH THEM AND ANY OTHER PARTICIPANTS AT PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING TO CONSIDER AGENDA, OFFICERS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO BUSINESS OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. HAGA AND REEVEY SAID THEY WOULD PROBABLY BE INTERESTED IN SUCH A MEETING, BUT PREFERRED FOR THE MOMENT TO CONCENTRATE ON DEVELOPING SUPPORT FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN NOVEMBER. KISSINGER

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